

LARRABEE & HINGSTON COMPANY, LUMBER STORAGE SHED #2  
19 Howley Street  
Peabody  
Essex County  
Massachusetts

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PHOTOGRAPHS

WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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**Location:** 19 Howley Street  
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USGS Quadrangle: Salem, MA UTM: 19.342400.4709500

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1945

**Engineer/Architect:** Unknown

**Present Owner:** The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company

**Present Occupants:** The Jeffers Lumber and Milling Company

**Present Use:** Storage

**Significance:** Larrabee & Hingston Company Lumber Storage Shed #2 (ca. 1945) is significant for its association with Peabody's most important historic industry, the tanning of animal hides. Lumber Storage Shed #2 was a component of a support/service industry complex associated with the area tanning industry. Larrabee & Hingston, founded in 1931, was a custom builder of wooden tanning vessels and was the last such facility in the Northeast when it closed in 1997.

**Project Information Statement:**

Stop & Shop's project to construct a commercial building requires a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New England District (Corps). After review of plans, the Corps and Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Office (MASHPO) determined that the proposed undertaking will have an adverse effect through demolition of a National Register-eligible historic property. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered into by Stop & Shop, the MASHPO, and the Corps includes recordation of the Larrabee & Hingston Company to Historic American Engineering Record standards prior to demolition.

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## **PART I DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION**

Larrabee & Hingston Company Lumber Storage Shed #2 stands just over the Salem line, east of the rest of the Larrabee & Hingston Company buildings in Peabody. It consists of two 20-ft-wide, narrow, one-story, windowless, wood-frame lumber storage structures with shed roofs, attached end-to-end. Both structures are sheathed with vertical blue-gray painted boards. The northerly structure is 35 ft long, is mounted on concrete piers, and has two large vertical plank sliding doors which slide horizontally on a rail mounted inside an overhang. The southerly structure is 59 ft long, is built on a concrete slab, and has three conventional paneled overhead garage doors at raised loading platforms.

## **PART II HISTORICAL INFORMATION**

Larrabee & Hingston Company Lumber Storage Shed #2 was constructed ca. 1945. This building was historically shared by the Larrabee & Hingston Company and the Jeffers Lumber and Milling Company in the early years following its construction for the storage of lumber. The building was used for the storage of lumber used in the manufacture of Jeffers Lumber and Milling products and Larrabee & Hingston's wooden tanning drums and tubs. Jeffers Lumber and Milling began constructing their office and shop buildings in 1945 to the southwest of the Larrabee & Hingston complex on Boston Street. By 1951, Jeffers had constructed a new sawmill and storage building attached to the office building and continued to construct other outbuildings, moving their operations south and uphill from Larrabee & Hingston's Aaron F. Clark's Lumber Yard Mill site. Jeffers Lumber and Milling, still in operation, are a general supplier of raw and milled lumber, and building supplies, to area consumers. Jeffers was once also involved in the fabrication of general industrial equipment, including wooden tannery vessels; however, they never produced these items on the scale of the Larrabee & Hingston Company (Jeffers 1995). The shed is currently used by Jeffers Lumber and Milling for the storage of lumber.

## **PART III SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

### **A. Engineering Drawings**

None located.

### **B. Historic Views**

None located.

### **C. Interviews**

Buckley, Steven, former Larrabee & Hingston employee and Hingston family member. Interview by Matthew Kierstead, 28 June 1995, Peabody. Tape recording on file at The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc., Pawtucket, RI.

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Hingston, Steven, Shop Superintendent, Larrabee & Hingston Company. Conversations with Matthew Kierstead, 28 and 30 June 1995, Peabody, MA.

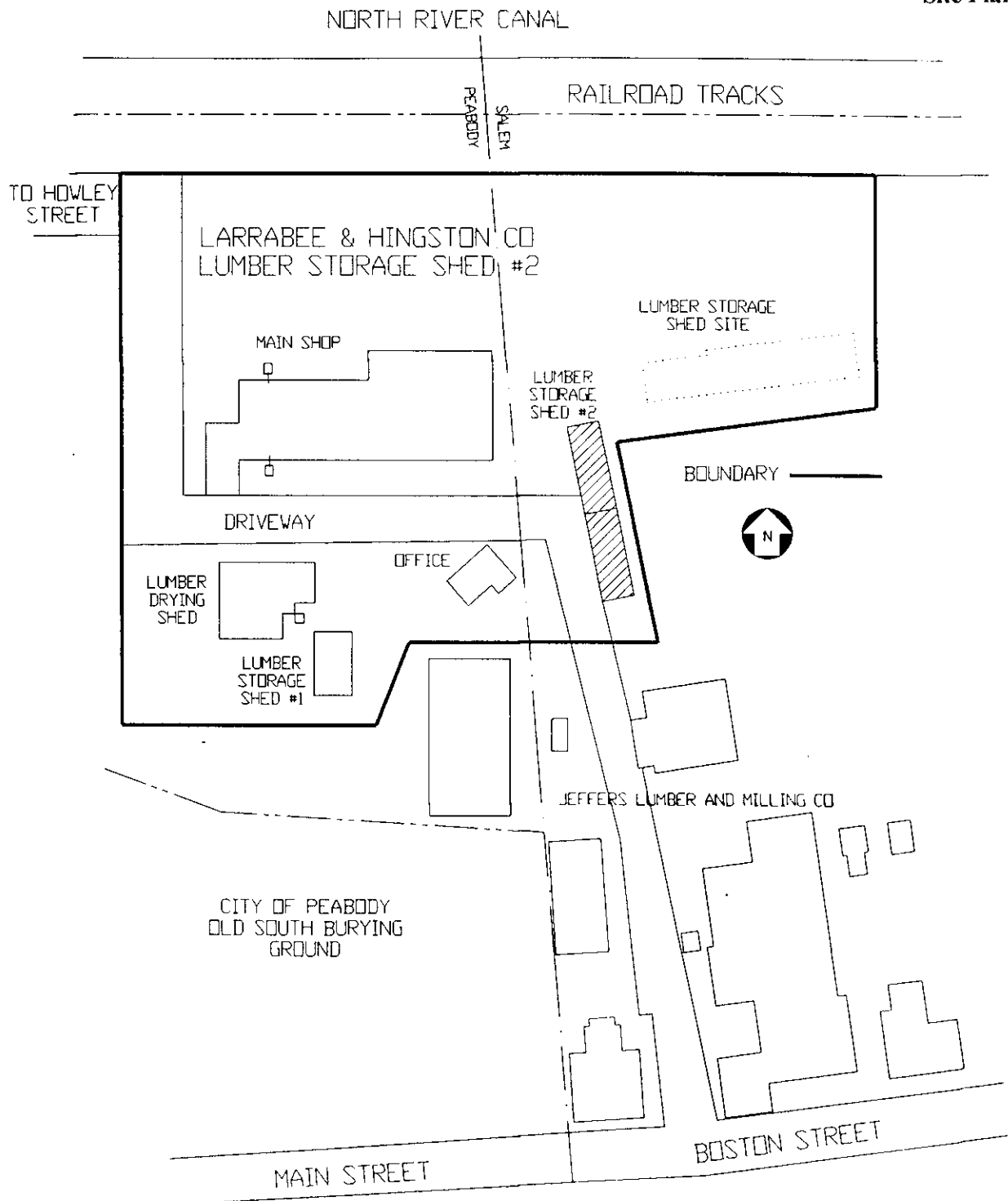
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**Site Plan**



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**Existing Floor Plan, 1998**

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